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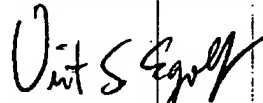
The Applicant elects Group I as specified by the Examiner. Group I contains claims 1-8, drawn to a surface mount MELF capacitor, classified in class 361, subclass 306.1. The Applicant makes this election with traverse.

Additionally, Applicant submits a Preliminary Amendment that adds new claims 17-25. The claims are supported in the original specification and were drafted with respect to surface mount MELF capacitor and a series of MELF capacitors. New claims 17-25 are similar to the claims of elected Group I to avoid a further restriction requirement.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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